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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO YEUTTER

1. THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MESSAGE FROM YOU TO YEUTTER HAS BEEN CLEARED IN EB, ARA AND EUR. IT HAS BEEN UPDATED TO REFLECT INFO RECEIVED THAT THE FRENCH PLAN TO MAKE A DEMARCHE ON THIS ISSUE.

2. BEGIN DRAFT. DEAR CLAYT: FROMENT MEURICE BEARDED ME WHEN I WAS IN PARIS ABOUT YOUR STATEMENT IN MONTEVIDEO. HE SAID YOU HAD SAID THAT THE CAP WAS BAD, THE FRENCH WERE THE VILLAIN IN THE PIECE AND THE OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD SHOULD COMBINE TO STAMP OUT THE MENACE.

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3. I REPLIED TO HIM THAT THE USG HAD TAKEN NO POSITION TO OPENLY ATTACK THE CAP, OR TO PUBLICLY URGE OTHER COUNTRIES TO COMBAT IT FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOR HAD WE DECIDED TO CONDEMN THE FRENCH BY SINGLING THEM OUT FOR PARTICULAR BLAME. WE RECOGNIZED THAT SOME CONSIDERED THE CAP TO BE THE VERY CENTERPIECE OF EUROPEAN UNITY, AND THAT FOR US TO ATTACK IT WAS THE SAME AS A FRONTAL CHALLENGE TO THE EUROPEAN CONCEPT ITSELF.

4. I NOW UNDERSTAND THAT THE FRENCH PLAN TO MAKE A DEMARCHE REGARDING YOUR STATEMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA.

5. I HOLD NO BRIEF FOR THE CAP; I AM, HOWEVER, SKEPTICAL THAT WE ADVANCE OUR INTERESTS BY OPENLY CALLING FOR A COMBINATION TO CHALLENGE IT AND SINGLING OUT FRANCE AS THE VILLAIN. I THINK WE SHOULD COME TOGETHER TO THINK ABOUT OUR STRATEGY BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER ALONG THESE LINES.
END DRAFT. ROBINSON

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